

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4973–S5025

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1434–1448. **Pages S5017–18**

Measures Reported:

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy. (S. Rept. No. 112–40)

S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–41)

S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

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Measures Passed:

Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 2608, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4974–75**

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 588, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4974–75**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) **Pages S5015–16**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David T. Danielson, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5024.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SPECIALTY CROPS AND ORGANICS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities for specialty crops and organics in the farm bill, after

receiving testimony from Ann Wright, Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture; Dennis P. Engelhard, Michigan Bean Commission, Unionville; Kim Tait, Tait Farm Foods, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania; Paul Bencal, Lake Erie Regional Grape Extension, Ransomville, New York; Robert Woolley, Dave Wilson Nursery, Hickman, California; Glenn Abbett, American Fruit and Vegetable Processors and Growers Coalition, LaCrosse, Indiana; and Charles Wingard, Walter P. Rawl and Son, Inc., Pelion, South Carolina.

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE BUDGETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine Federal disaster assistance budgeting, focusing on the role of the Federal government in mitigating the economic impact of severe weather events through long-term budgetary planning, after receiving testimony from Kathryn D. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; James Rivera, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Donald J. Wuebbles, University of Illinois, Urbana; and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, and Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA to be general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AVIATION FUELS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation fuels, focusing on needs, challenges, and alternatives, after receiving testimony from Lourdes Maurice, Executive Director, Office of Environment and Energy, Office of Policy, International Affairs, and Environment, Federal Aviation Administration; Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations,

Environment and Logistics, Department of Defense; Judith Canales, Administrator, Rural Business Service, Department of Agriculture; Billy M. Glover, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Tom Todaro, AltAir Fuels, LLC, and John Plaza, Imperium Renewables, Inc., all of Seattle, Washington; Sharon Pinkerton, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Richard L. Altman, Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles DeWitt McConnell, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 265, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 324, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 764, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon, S. 864, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 888, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1063, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, and S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and Johnson (WI);

Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Ken Harycki, and Roger L. Tomten, both of Stillwater, Minnesota; and Jack Hession, Alaska Chapter Sierra Club, Cool, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, and Robert G. Taub, of New York, who was introduced by former Representative John M. McHugh, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FDA USER FEES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fees, focusing on advancing public health, after receiving testimony from Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 546, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana;

S. 379, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi

Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe;

S. 1218, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina;

S. 703, to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, with amendments; and

S. 636, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators, after receiving testimony from Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Ernest Stevens, Jr., and Mark Van Norman, both the National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Jamie Hummingbird, National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators (NTGCR), Tahlequah, Oklahoma; J. Kurt Luger, Great Plains Indian Gaming Association (GPIGA), Bismarck, North Dakota; Sheila Morago, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Oklahoma City; and John B. Meskill, Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission, Uncasville, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs;

S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I; and

S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012".